

Report of: David Thompson

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Re: RALPH GORSLINE

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As set forth in a separate report, I talked with Harold R. Fick, relative to choir affairs. During the conversation reference was made to Fick's cousin Ralph Gorsline. Fick then said that Ralph had told Simpson all he knew about the affair; that of course Ralph's story helped corroborate the "Pig Woman's" story as to the time of the occurrence and the shots fired. Simpson, however, is not satisfied with that much but wants him to go further and say that he lit his head lights or that his head lights were lighted at the time. In order to have him do this he has used various methods, such as threatening to indict him on some occasions, while on others he promises that no harm will come to him and he will be taken care of, etc. Ralph claims the lights were out all the time, and that as that is the truth he will not say otherwise.

He further told me that it is conceded by actual measurements that the nearest Ralph's car could have been to the scene of the murder was seven hundred feet, and that something Simpson did not know was that Ralph's car had amber colored lens in the headlights and that even if they had been lit they would have been of no assistance to anyone in identifying persons at that distance.

He also suggested that it would not be at all unusual for Mrs. Hall to be worried on the failure of Rev. Hall to return on the night of the murder and go to the church to look for him, as Rev. Hall was subject to acute attacks of indigestion. On one occasion he was stricken while in the pulpit.